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CRADLE TO GRAVE PROFILES

A comprehensive mini-biography of

LEVI HENEGAR CARTER

By

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In harmony with the first law of genealogy or family history research, i.e., documentation, I submit my famous Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile on my 3rd Great Grand Uncle Levi Henegar Carter. This body of work also includes the article known as, "**The Brutal Murders of Levi Henegar Carter and his son; Robert.**" This report contains all known documentation presented for the serious researcher. This has been done to help family historians continue in their thirst for family history knowledge without a duplication of effort. All I ask is that you acknowledge my contribution to your family history research.

It is my hope that this will serve as a template for others to record and report on their ancestry.

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A large, golden statue of a man in a robe, blowing a long trumpet, standing on a globe. The statue is set against a backdrop of a large, curved wall with inscriptions of names in cursive script. The word "DAYS" is prominently displayed at the top.

"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

THE BRUTAL MURDERS OF LEVI HENEGAR CARTER AND HIS SON; ROBERT

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PREFACE

Every once in awhile, one runs across family history research, which leaves a sinking nauseating feeling in the pit of your stomach.

The death of Levi Henegar Carter son of Jesse Sr. and Susannah (**HARMON**) Carter and Levi's son; Robert Carter are one of those stories you wish you had never run across.

I begin this report with the usual Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile for Levi Henegar Carter, which runs 11 pages including my correspondence with Carol (**REICHARD**) Lee one of Levi's descendants.

However, the last portion of this report contains excerpts from a book titled "**History of the Rebellion in Bradley County, East Tennessee**" by J. S. Hurlburt (1866), pages 245-256.

This book was found at the following address...

<http://www.archive.org/stream/historyofrebelli00hurl#page/n8/mode/1up>

If your interest is in the family of Levi Henegar Carter and his wife Margaret "Peggy" (**THOMAS**) Carter then the C2G profile should be sufficient for your needs.

However, if you are a glutton for punishment the account of Levi and son; Robert's murders in Mr. Hurlburt's book will horrify you and disgust your sensibilities.

The only reason I have included this material in my report is to account for their deaths and the whereabouts of the survivors in subsequent census and research material. The story of their deaths has no redeeming value or positive family history knowledge.

It angers me to see warring armies ask Heavenly Father to take sides in an issue concerning war. These governments, politicians, and generals all ask for Heavenly Father's blessing while they exercise violence, death and destruction some claiming it is **his** will.

Heavenly Father is on **HIS** side and does not take sides in conflicts. He defeats his enemies on his timetable, using his resources and resolves conflicts on his terms. He does not need his saints to go to war and shed blood, don't you remember the 185,00 Assyrians?

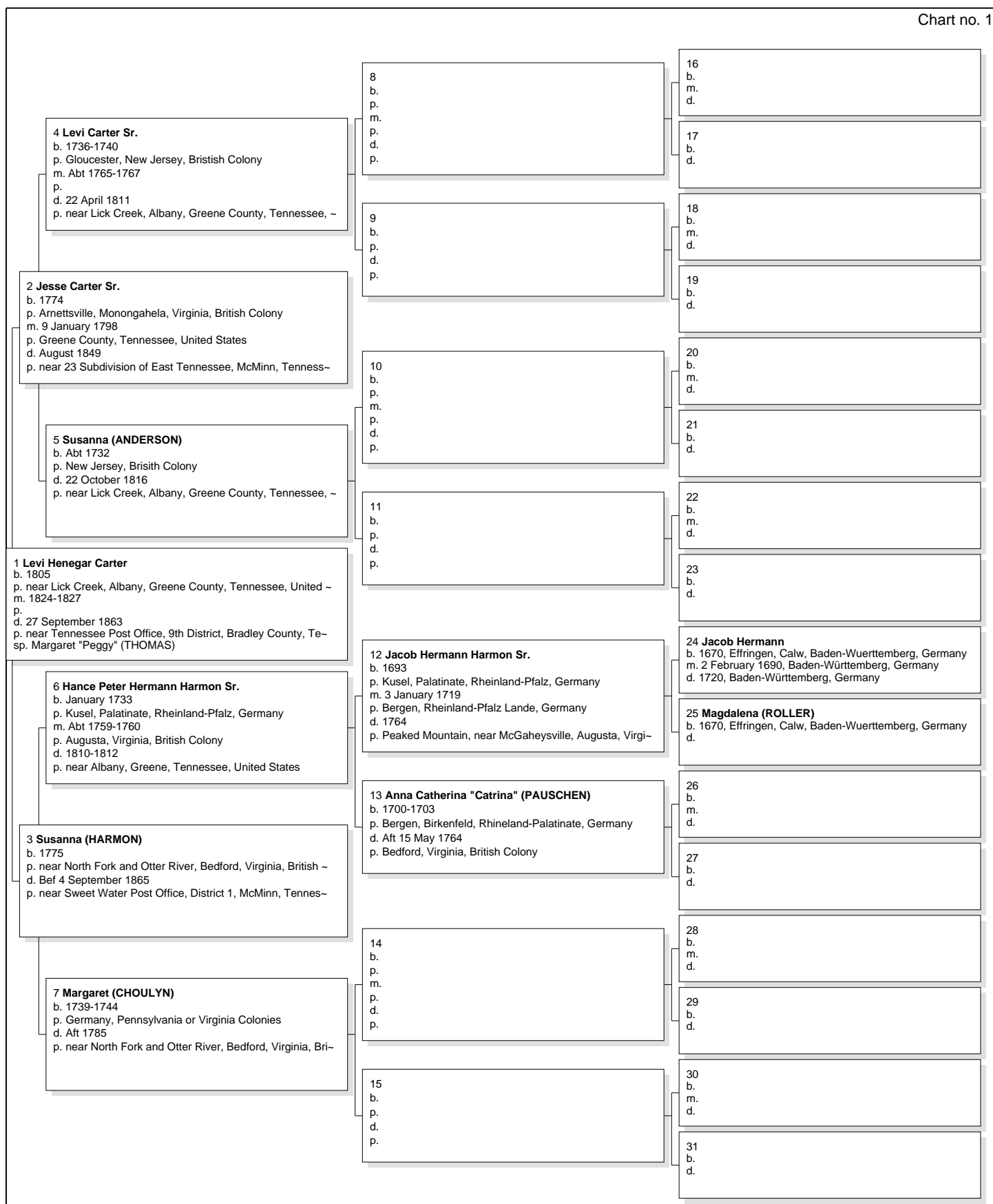
I recommend you do not read the material in Mr. Hurlburt's book. However, I know some of you will and I feel sorry for what you are about to read. Not so much for the horror of the deaths but these type of atrocities were common on both sides of the Civil War.

You have been forewarned.

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Pedigree Chart for Levi Henegar Carter by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

Chart no. 1



Family Group Record for Levi Henegar Carter

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Husband		Levi Henegar Carter	
Born		1805	
Place		near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States	
Died		27 September 1863	
Place		near Tennessee Post Office, 9th District, Bradley County, Tennessee, United States	
Buried		September 1863	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Father		Jesse Carter Sr. (1774-1849)	
Mother		Susanna (HARMON) (1775-Bef 1865)	
Marriage		1824-1827	
Wife		Margaret "Peggy" (THOMAS)	
Born		1809	Tennessee, United States
Died		1870-1880	
Place		near Athens Post Office, 9th District, McMinn, Tennessee, United States	
Buried			
Children			
1	M	Unknown 2nd Son Carter	
Born		1826-1830	
Place		67th Regiment District, Monroe County, Tennessee, United States	
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
2	F	Unknown 1st Daughter Carter	
Born		1826-1830	
Place		67th Regiment District, Monroe County, Tennessee, United States	
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
3	M	Unknown 1st Son Carter	
Born		1826-1830	
Place		67th Regiment District, Monroe County, Tennessee, United States	
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			

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Children (cont.)		
4	F	Unknown 2nd Daughter Carter
Born	1831-1835	
Place	67th Regiment District, Monroe County, Tennessee, United States	
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		
5	M	John Henegar "Henry" Carter Sr.
Born	12 December 1832	
Place	near 67th Regiment, Monroe County, Tennessee, United States	
Died	23 May 1920	
Place	near Rogers Creek Valley Road, 5th District, McMinn County, Tennessee, United States	
Buried	24 May 1920	
Place	Spring Creek Methodist Church Cemetery, Riceville, McMinn County, Tennessee, United States	
Spouse	Lavilla (HANEY) (1842-1869) 1858-1859	
Spouse	Selina (DODSON) (1836-1916)	
Marr. Date	24 March 1870 - McMinn, Tennessee, United States	
6	M	Robert A. Carter
Born	1835	
Place	near 67th Regiment, Monroe County, Tennessee, United States	
Died	27 September 1863	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Buried		
Spouse	Catherine (GILLEY) (Cir 1837-)	
Marr. Date	28 September 1856 - McMinn County, Tennessee, United States	
7	M	Jesse Carter
Born	1838	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Died		
Buried		
Spouse	Martha Lucinda "Cinda" (MATHEWS) (1844-)	
Marr. Date	20 September 1858 - Meigs County, Tennessee, United States	
8	M	Jacob Ashbury "Alan" Carter
Born	18 December 1840	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Died	6 August 1899	Christian County, Missouri, United States
Buried	August 1899	
Place	Spokane Cemetery, Spokane, Christian County, Missouri, United States	
Spouse	Mary Elizabeth (LEWIS) (1847-1933)	
Marr. Date	29 May 1865 - Bradley County, Tennessee, United States	

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Children (cont.)			
9	F	Abagail (CARTER)	
Born		1841	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
10	F	Nancy (CARTER)	
Born		1843	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
11	M	James T. Carter	
Born		1847	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
12	F	Teresa (CARTER)	
Born		1849	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
13	F	Margaret A. (CARTER)	
Born		15 January 1853	Bradley County, Tennessee, United States
Died		7 September 1901	Township 5, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory
Buried		September 1901	
Place		Howe Cemetery, Howe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, United States	
Spouse		Robert James Smith (1846-1901)	

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1805 Birthblock for Levi Henegar Carter son of Jesse Sr. & Susanna (HARMON) Carter

Levi Henegar Carter was born near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States in 1805.

Date from the 1810 census states he was born

Date from the 1820 census states he was born

Date from the 1830 census states he was born 1801-1810.

Date from the 1840 census states he was born 1801-1810.

Date from the 1850 census states he was born 1805 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1860 census states he was born 1805 in Tennessee.

1805 Father's Greene County, Tennessee Tax List

Jesse Carter is on the 1805 tax list of Greene, Tennessee, United States

1809 Father's Greene County, Tennessee Tax List

Jesse Carter is on the 1809 tax list for 184 acres of Capt. Benjamin Neil's District on Gap Creek of Greene County, Tennessee, United States.

1810 Federal Census age 5

1810 Childbirth of sister; Margaret (CARTER)

Margaret (**CARTER**) was born near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States in 1810.

1810 Father's Greene County, Tennessee Tax List

Jesse Carter is on the 1810-tax list for 100 acres of Capt. Benjamin Neil's District on Short Creek by occupancy of Greene County, Tennessee, United States.

1811 Death of grandfather, Levi Carter Sr.

Levi Carter Sr. died on 22 April 1811 in near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States.

1811 Childbirth of brother; Jesse Carter Jr.

Jesse Carter Jr. was born near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States in 1811.

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1811 Father's Greene County, Tennessee Marriage Surety

Greene County, Tennessee, Marriage Record #1447, 2 August 1811- Jesse Carter is joint surety with Stephen Harmon for the marriage of Stokley D. Luster and Elizabeth Fisher in Greene County, Tennessee, on August 2, 1811.

1811 Father Greene County, Tennessee Marriage Surety

Greene County, Tennessee, Marriage Record #1452, 15 August 1811- Jesse Carter is joint surety with Joseph Carter for the marriage of Elijah Carter and Susanna Cassel in Greene County, Tennessee, on August 15, 1811.

1812 Father's Greene County, Tennessee Tax List

Jesse Carter is on the 1812 tax list of Greene County, Tennessee, United States.

1813 Childbirth of brother; John Carter

John Carter was born near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States on 13 April 1813.

1814 Childbirth of sister; Susanna (CARTER)

Susanna (**CARTER**) was born near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States in 1814.

1815 Father's Greene County, Tennessee Court of Common Pleas

[1] Greene County, Tennessee, Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions (1814-1818), Page 253, 26 July 1815, Book 10, Page 487

"Indenture made July 26, 1815, between Jesse, John, Levy, and Caleb and Joseph "sell and forever quit claim to heirs of a certain tract of land granted to Levy Carter, deceased, being in Greene County on the waters of Lick Creek wherein we have now been heirs which tract or piece of land as our part as legatees. After the death of our mother, Susannah Carter, we will forever warrant and defend" etc. Registered 24 October 1816, in the presence of David Key, and Samuel Keller. All signed with a mark.

1816 Death of grandmother; Susanna (ANDERSON) Carter

Susanna (**ANDERSON**) Carter died on 22 October 1816 in Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States

1818 Father's Greene County, Tennessee Court of Common Pleas

Greene County, Tennessee, Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions (1814-1818), Book 11, page 239, 1 February 1818

Jesse Carter of Hawkins County paid \$400. for 100 acres of land from Robert Ruader on February 1, 1818 on Puncheon Camp Creek ---original grant to Robert Ruader in 1787. John Prince and Caleb Carter witnesses. April Session 1818. Registered May 27, 1818.

1818 Childbirth of brother; Peter Carter

Peter Carter was born near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States in 1818.

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1820 Childbirth of brother; Lewis M. Carter

Lewis M. Carter was born near Lick Creek, Albany, Greene County, Tennessee, United States in 1820.

1820 Federal Census age 15

1824-1825 Marriage of Levi Henegar Carter and Margaret "Peggy" (THOMAS)

Levi Henegar Carter and Margaret "Peggy" (THOMAS) were married circa 1824-1825. In the 1830 census they are listed with 3 children age 4 & under. This puts their marriage date from 1824-1827.

1825 Father's Greene County, Tennessee Court of Common Pleas

Greene County, Tennessee, Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions (1814-1818), Book 19, Page 151, 25 April 1825

Jesse Carter of Greene County sold to Abraham Weems 100 acres for \$400 on Puncheon Camp Creek on April 25, 1825. Part of a 1787 land patent. Signed Jesse Carter his mark. Witnesses: Joseph Carter and George Weems. April session 1826. Registered April 30, 1838.

1825 Father's Family Move

From Greene, Tennessee, United States to Monroe, Tennessee, United States. Gold was discovered in Monroe County, the first gold discovery in American history and this transformed Monroe County into a busy location for fortune seekers. After selling his land to Abraham Weems on 25 April 1825, Jesse Carter and family moved to Monroe County. This put an extreme hardship on the Cherokees and Gold was one of the reasons the white settlers wanted to remove them from their land. For a more comprehensive report see the book "**Henry Pratt Family of Greene County, Tennessee**" © (2003) by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

[This book is available at <https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>]

1825, 1826, 1827, 1828 1830 Father 's Inhabitants of Monroe, Tennessee, United States

"Inhabitants of Monroe County, Tennessee before 1830" © (1970) by Reba Bayless Boyer
Jesse Carter is listed as an inhabitant of Monroe County in the years 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828.

1826-1930 Childbirth of 1st son;

1826-1930 Childbirth of 2nd son;

1826-1930 Childbirth of 1st daughter;

1830 Federal Census age 25

67th Regiment, Monroe, Tennessee, United States, page 105, line 6

CARTER, Levi 2-0-0-0-1 1-0-0-0-1

free white males 4 & under [??], 4 & under [??], 20-29 [Levi age 25]

free white females 4 & under [??]; 20-29 [Margaret "Peggy" age 21]

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1830-1837 Family Move

From Monroe, Tennessee, United States to Bradley, Tennessee, United States between 1830-1837. Looking at the deed records for Monroe County, Tennessee might shed some light on where and when Levi and Peggy bought property. If they bought property in Monroe County then when Bradley County was created in 1836 they may have already been living in Bradley County so they did not actually move. However, they may have had land in Monroe County, sold it and did make a physical move into Bradley County where they show up in the 1837 Monroe County Circuit Court Record Book. Having conclusive evidence as to their whereabouts when Bradley County was created in 1836 will establish the birth location of their children.

1831-1835 Childbirth of 2nd daughter;

1832 Childbirth of son; John Henry Carter

John Henry Carter was born near 67th Regiment, Monroe County, Tennessee, United States on 12 December 1832.

1835 Childbirth of son; Robert Carter

Robert Carter was born near 67th Regiment, Monroe County, Tennessee, United States in 1835.

1836 Bradley County, Tennessee

Bradley County formed from Indian Lands on 2 May 1836. Marriage records lost in fire start in 1864.

1837 Circuit Court

Monroe County, Tennessee, Circuit Court Record Book, 1837, page 247

Levi and Peggy Carter of Bradley County, in cause in which John W. Carter is defendant.

1838 Childbirth of son; Jesse Carter

Jesse Carter was born in Bradley, Tennessee, United States in 1838.

1840 Childbirth of son; Jacob A. Carter

Jacob A. Carter was born in Bradley, Tennessee, United States in 1840.

1840 Federal Census age 35

Bradley, Tennessee, United States, page 58, line 15

CARTER, Levi 3-1-1-0-0-1 0-1-1-0-1

free white males 4 & under [Jacob age 1]; 4 & under [Jesse age 2]; 4 & under [Robert age 5]; 5-9 [John age 7]; 10-14 = [??]; 30-39 [Levi age 35]

free white females 5-9 [??]; 10-14 [??]; 20-29 [Margaret "Peggy" age 31]

1841 Childbirth of daughter; Abigail (CARTER)

Abigail (**CARTER**) was born in Bradley, Tennessee, United States in 1841.

1843 Childbirth of daughter; Nancy (CARTER)

Nancy (**CARTER**) was born in Bradley, Tennessee, United States in 1843.

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1847 Childbirth of son; James Carter

James Carter was born in Bradley, Tennessee, United States in 1847.

1849 Childbirth of daughter; Teresa (CARTER)

Teresa (CARTER) was born in Subdivision 26, Bradley County, Tennessee, United States in 1849.

1849 Death of father; Jesse Carter Sr.

Jesse Carter Sr. died in Subdivision 23, McMinn County, Tennessee, United States in August 1849.

1849 Burial of father; Jesse Carter Sr.

Jesse Carter Sr. was probably buried in McMinn, Tennessee, United States.

1850 Father's U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880

[1] 25th Subdivision, McMinn, Tennessee, United States, page 478, line 34

Jesse Carter, male, married, place of birth: Virginia, estimated birth year: abt 1775, age:75, month of death: August, cause of death: Fever, census year:1850, census Location: Subdivision 23, McMinn, Tennessee page:478 line:34 roll:T655_26

1850 Father's McMinn County, Tennessee Estate Settlement

McMinn County, Tennessee, Probate Court "E", page 88, 11 January 1850- Commissioned John Neill, Philip Fry, and D.F. Jameson set apart years provisions for widow; Susan Carter and family.

1850 Father's McMinn County, Tennessee Estate Settlement

McMinn County, Tennessee, Probate Court Book "E", page 82-84, 25 January 1850- Jesse Carter, decd, accounting of sale and Inventory by James Sewell Administrator; personal property in Monroe County, Tennessee.

1850 Property Transaction

Monroe County, Tennessee Deed Record Book "O", page 516, 8 April 1850

Levi Carter, heir of Jesse Carter, dec'd, late of McMinn Co., to John Carter.

1850 Federal Census age 45

Subdivision 26, Bradley County, Tennessee, United States, page 245a, 26 November 1850, line 33, house 1505, family 1506

CARTER, Levi w m 45; Margaret w f 36; John w m 17; Robert w m 15; Jessie w m 12; Jacob w m 10; Abigail w f 9; Nancy w f 7; James w m 3; Terressa 1

[All born in Tennessee. Levi is a blacksmith.]

1851 Father's McMinn County, Tennessee Estate Settlement

McMinn County, Tennessee, Probate Court, 25 January 1851

Jesse Carter deceased an account of sale of the personal property of the estate of Jesse Carter decd at his late residence in McMinn County after having advertised according to law: John Neal one iron wedge 41cts, John D. Holcum one dinner pot 59 cts, John Neal one pair of gears \$2.00, Susan Carter one pair of gears 50 cts, John Neal one ox yoke 41 cts, Joseph Neal one clivice 35 cts, William Rutherford 21 cts, Henderson Carter set hip-straps \$1.29, William Browder one hip-straps 15 cts,

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Philip Fry one set brick bands \$2.50, William Rutherford one grindstone \$3, Edwin Ivy one grindstone 12 1/2 cts, Susan Carter one felling axe 25 cts, Susan Carter one coffee mill 12 1/2 cts, Henderson Carter one hog shed 50 cts, Philip Coats two meal sacks 26 cts, Susan Carter 3 meal sacks 25 cts, Peter Carter one pair steelyard \$2, Margaret Trim one mans saddle \$8.50, James Carter one stan lard \$3.57, J.W. Orr one gaither line 4 1/2 cts, John Casady one sickle 10 cts, Margaret Trim one shoal plow 55 cts, John Carter one bulltongue plow and one shoal plow 50 cts. William Wallace one barshears plow \$1.31, David D. Dean one hand saw 75 cts, John D. Holcum one drawing knife 25 cts, Abraham Winkle one frow 50 cts, John D. Holcum one cow bell & collar 93 cts, John Cassada one bell & collar 10 cts, John D. Holcum 2 augers 40 cts, William Cate one auger and gemblet 63 cts, William Bowden one band irons \$1.01, John Neal 2 double-trees 36 cts, Peter Carter 2 couding pioes 35 cts, Margaret Trim one trough soap 61 1/4 cts, James Carter one ditto 37 1/2 cts, Henderson Carter one tub of soap and grease 50 cts, Jesse Carter 100 lbs pork \$3.85, Margaret Trim 100 lbs pork \$3.99, Henderson Carter 100 lbs pork \$3.99, Peter Carter 100 lbs pork \$4.00, Randolph Shipley 100 lbs pork \$4.00, Henderson Carter 100 lbs pork \$3.99, Randolph R. Shipley 176 lbs \$6.16, Philip Coal hand hammer 41 1/2 cts, James Carter one bedstead 10 cts, S.J. Bowen one side sole leather \$1.50, Susan Carter one bunch wool rolls 25 cts, Susan Carter bedstead & furniture \$1.00, Susan Carter bunch seed cotton 25 cts, John Carter 2 horse plows \$5.95, William Wallace one log chain \$2.50, John A. Bowen stretcher & singleline \$1.50, Jacob Williams one loom \$1.06 1/4, Margaret Trim scythe & cradle \$1.50, James Carter scythe & cradle \$1.51, Peter Carter one mowing scythe whitstone and stake 50 cts., R. R. Shipley one hatchet \$1.10, one hay fork H.B. Grywood? James Carter one cutting bow & knife 81 cts, one green hide J. H. Meoy \$3.12, one bridel John Casady \$1.10, one bridel Susan Carter 12 1/2 cts, one currecomb D.D. Deary 6 1/2 cts, 11 1/2 buschels of corn A.H. Meavy \$9.79, 6 bushel of wheat A.J. Shelton \$4.14,

Located in Monroe County: 201 bushels of corn, 147 dozen of oats, 1 fat hog and some smith tools (claims good)-----1 note on Fleming Thompson and D. H. Jamison \$4.00 due 15th November 1849, Hiel Buttrand \$2.00, one note on Noah Buttrand \$1.50, due 15th November 1849, Henderson Carter (claims btful) one note on D.D. Liana \$3.50 due 29th June 1849, 1 note on Henry Galliam for 44.00 due November 1848, 1 note on John Bradon \$2.00 due 15th November 1868, 1 note on Joseph Thompson \$2.50 due 15th November 1848, 1 note on Dudley Fields \$1.50 due the 15th November 1849, 1 note on Thompson Shipley \$1.50 due 15th November 1849, 1 note on J.M. Collins \$3.50 due 15th November 1849, 1 note on Lewis Mars \$2.00 due 15th November 1849. Total inventory sale \$415.57 1/2 cts, The foregoing is a full and perfect account of the sale of all the property of the estate of Jesse Carter decd directed by law to sold notes with good security was taken from the purchasers this twelve month after ? this the 25th January 1851. James Sewell Admistrator of Jesse Carter decd.

1852 Father's McMinn County, Tennessee Estate Settlement

McMinn County, Tennessee, Probate Court Book "E", page 197, 10 March 1852

Settlement by James Sewell Admistrator;, he paid equal amounts to heirs Peter, James, Henderson, John, and Lewis M. Carter, Margaret Trimm, and Levi Pressley.

[Missing from this list are three children; Susannah (**CARTER**) who married Levi Pressley, Jesse Carter Jr. who married Catherine Pressley and Nancy (**CARTER**) who married Henry Pratt. Each of these children married Cherokees and Jesse left them out of his will and settlement.]

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1852 Father' McMinn County, Tennessee Will Probated

Jesse Carter Sr.'s Will probated in McMinn County, Tennessee, Probate Court, Will probated 10 March 1852.

1852 Childbirth of daughter; Margaret (CARTER)

Margaret (**CARTER**) was born in Subdivision 26, Bradley County, Tennessee, United States in 1852.

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Research Note

[Missing from this list are three children; Susannah (**CARTER**) who married Levi Pressley, Jesse Carter Jr. who married Catherine Pressley and Nancy (**CARTER**) who married Henry Pratt. Each of these children married Cherokees and Jesse left them out of his will and settlement. Concerning the Levi Pressley listed I don't feel this is Jesse's son Levi Carter. Investigating the document might yield further information.]

1852 Father's McMinn County, Tennessee Will Probated

Jesse Carter Sr.'s Will probated in McMinn County, Tennessee, Probate Court, Will probated 10 March 1852.

1860 Federal Census age 55

Tennessee Post Office, 9th District, Bradley County, Tennessee, United States, page 234a, 16 July 1860, line 17, house 1142, family 1142

CARTER, Levi w m 55; Margaret w f 51; Abigail w f 18; Jacob w m 16; Nancy w f 14; James T. w m 12; Treselin [Teresa] w f 10; Margaret w f 8

[All born in Tennessee. Levi is a blacksmith & farmer. Living next door to son; Jesse & Lucinda () Carter family.]

1863 Death of Levi Henegar Carter

Levi Henegar Carter died near Tennessee Post Office, 9th District, Bradley County, Tennessee, United States on 27 September 1863. See the book... "**History of the Rebellion in Bradley County, East Tennessee**" by J. S. Hurlburt (1866), pages 245-256 for full details.

<http://www.archive.org/stream/historyofrebelli00hurl#page/n8/mode/1up>

Further Research Needed

In order to find more information about this family, you will need to order the Deed Records of several counties.

[1] Greene County, Tennessee to see if Levi and Margaret bought any property and if they did when it was sold.

[2] Monroe County, Tennessee to see if Levi and Margaret bought any property and if they did when it was sold.

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These microfilms can be ordered at the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located in cities around the world. Go to the website...www.lds.org and you will be able to find the nearest one near you.

After locating those properties, then comes the fun part. Going to those counties on a road trip and finding the old homesteads. Check with the local libraries for books already written about your ancestors...especially Levi and Margaret with finding her maiden name as a priority.

Check with local newspapers in the counties where they died to see if there were any death notices or obits when they died. I am sure the local papers in Bradley County were buzzing with the circumstances about Levi's death.

Walking over the property that your ancestors owned and/or lived, is a thrill that cannot be described.

I am sure Margaret's maiden name will be discovered. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

Email from Carol Lee spwrc@suddenlink.net 20 August 2010

Hi Floyd, I came across an account of the "**Rebellion in Bradley County, East Tennessee**" and there is a chapter on the murder of a Levi Carter and his son Robert. This happened 27 Sep 1863 in the 9th District of Bradley County. I went back through the historical information from when your tree was public, and also through all of your old posts and notes on genealogy.com during 2006 looking to see what others may have reported about his place of death. At least one ancestry.com tree places Levi in Bradley County at the time of his death. Is it possible that this is the Levi, son of Jesse Carter (1774-1850; my 4th great grandfather)? I wonder what your thoughts might be. I've never heard mention of this murder anywhere before. I'll send you the link if you need it. Thank you, Carol Lee

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by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 21 August 2010

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My direct line is 3rd Grandmother; Nancy (**CARTER**) married Henry Pratt, Cherokee. Nancy is a daughter of Jesse Carter Sr.

I can produce a customized family ancestor book of your Carter-Harmon and related families.

This book contains all the notes, documentation, pictures, stories, newspapers, and information about the individual and their ancestors.

No amount of money can compensate me for 35 years of research and compiling material about these families.

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This includes trips to courthouses, cemeteries, libraries, family reunions and tons of documented reports, stories and when acquired, pictures gathered over the years.

I charge \$20 for producing the .pdf file on CD and mailing the information to you.

This includes the cost of the CD, case, labels, insert, signature postage and mileage, so effectively you are getting the information for free. If interested, email me floydpratt59@verizon.net or write Floyd Pratt 6732 Northampton Place, Bradenton, Florida 34207 I offer this as long as I live as a tribute to my ancestors. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 15 July 2010

[Sent documents...Levi Carter C2G and "Did you Know?" reports]

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Carol, thank you for your check. Now I need to know exactly what you are wanting. If you want an ancestor's disc, then I would need to know where you tie into the Carters. The program then runs a report on all your ancestors in my files...as far as I have records. If you want also a Carter descendancy report, then I can generate a 3-generation report from Levi Carter Sr. down each of his children to his grandchildren with all the notes and sources I have. Since you were so generous, I can give you 4 or 5 generations but I need to know who your direct lines are. Floyd

Email from Carol Lee spwrc@suddenlink.net 24 August 2010

Good morning Floyd, I would like both if it is not a drain on your resources.

My mother was Mary Estelle Carter b. Chattanooga, TN 30 Nov 1914. Died in Meadville, Crawford, PA 7 Jun 1970.

Her father was John Henegar Carter (1885, McMinn, TN - 1945, Hamilton, TN).

His father was Isaac Buchanan (1859, McMinn, TN - 1905)

I. B.'s father was John H. Carter (1832, Monroe, TN - died bet 1920-1930 in TN)

John H. Carter's father was Levi Presley Carter

Levi Presley's father was Jesse Carter, Sr. (1774-1849)

Jesse Carter, Sr.'s father was Levi Carter, Sr. (1736-1740 to 22 April 1811).

I'm not positive, but I believe Levi Carter (Sr.'s) father was John Carter Sr. (abt 1695 in NJ-1762 in NJ) who married Sarah Packer. I don't have any information beyond this. Many thanks, Carol

Email from Carol Lee spwrc@suddenlink.net 18 November 2011

Hi Floyd, I was just adding a few notes from a notebook onto my Family Tree tonight, and saw the information on John H. Carter, my 2nd great grandfather, has been updated, and Ancestry now has a Death Certificate online for him. It gives his birthplace as Bradley County, with a birth date of Dec. 12, 1832. Interestingly, it gives his father as "Heniger Carter", which I know is spelled Henegar, the same name of my grandfather. I also suspect the H. in this John Carter's name also is Henegar, although on the death certificate it says Henry. You may recall, others with that Henegar name simply called themselves Henry in a census. The other item of interest is his father is not Levi Pressley Carter, but Margaret's last name "Thomas" is given for his mother.

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Let me know what you think when you have time. I hope all is well with you, and Happy Thanksgiving. I'll be away the week of Thanksgiving to visit our family and won't have email, but will be home after that! Carol lee

Email to Carol Lee spwrc@suddenlink.net 19 November 2011

Carol good job in finding that death certificate, there are several sites that have the State of Tennessee Death certificates online. First of all, I never did have Levi Pressley Carter as his father, but now we know he is Levi Henagar Carter and now we finally know Margaret's maiden name of (THOMAS).

Second my research is correct that he was born near 67th Regiment, Monroe, Tennessee, United States in 1832 because Bradley County was not formed until 1836. Therefore, when they state he was born in Bradley County, they mean "now" Bradley County but technically he was born in Monroe County and when they formed Bradley County his birth location was in what we call Bradley County today. Concerning Spring Creek Cemetery you can see that at

<[http://www.histopolis.com/Place/US/TN/McMinn County/Spring Creek Cemetery](http://www.histopolis.com/Place/US/TN/McMinn_County/Spring_Creek_Cemetery)>

Well, this clarifies several questions and as more and more people explore the Tennessee Death Certificates many more questions will be answered. Thank you for your input and taking the time to alert me to this death certificate. Since your line is so far off my line I would not have even bothered to check up on this. Floyd

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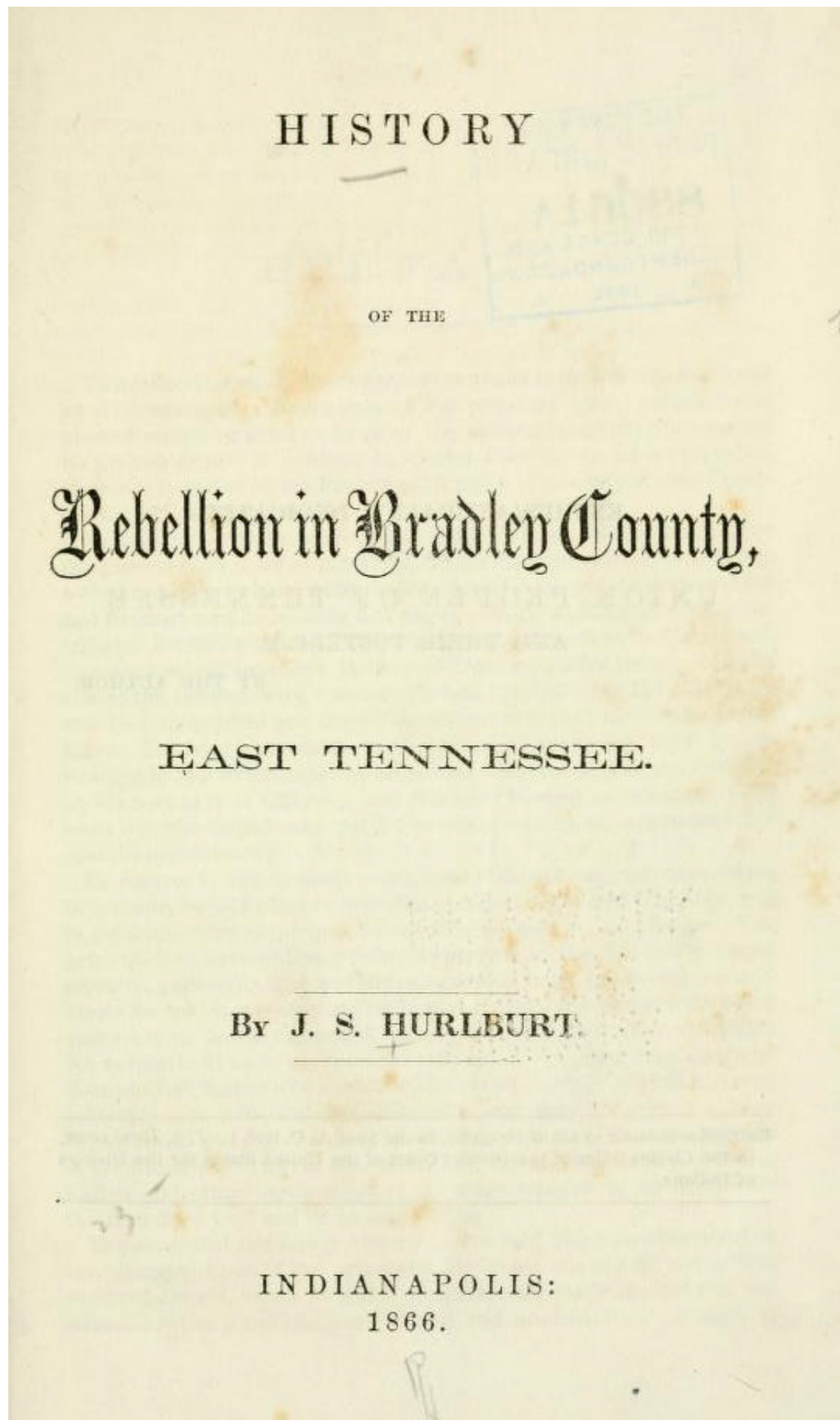
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CHAPTER XXIII.

MURDER OF THE TWO CARTERS.

THE subjects of this chapter were not related to Mr. F. A. Carter, whose history has just been given. These were Levi and Robert Carter, father and son, having lived in the north part of the county for many years.

Mr. Levi Carter, the father, was a blacksmith, was between fifty and sixty years of age—an exhorter, or local preacher in the Methodist Church, and had always borne a good moral and Christian character. Robert, the son, was a young man, having a wife and two children, and was a quiet and respectable citizen. Both were strong Union men, but not of that extravagant zeal nor abusive deportment justly to render them offensive to the rebels; nor had they ever been guerrillas or bushwhackers, as accused by the rebels. Possibly and even probably, they had acted as pilots to Union refugees escaping from the county. Even in this, however, they had never been extensively engaged.

These statements reveal the full extent to which these men had offended against the Confederacy, and the only real causes of complaint which their immediate rebel neighbors could raise against them.

On the 27th of September, 1863, Mr. Carter and his son were met in the road in the ninth district by five mounted rebel bushwhackers. Four of these bushwhackers were well known to the Carters, having been raised, perhaps, in the county. Their names were James and George Roberts, brothers, Felix Purviance, and Polk Runnions. The other—the fifth—was supposed by many to be a man by the name of Tenor. He called himself the "Texan Ranger." James Roberts, the leader of the company, was known to be one of the most lawless and bloodthirsty men in the country.

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When the two parties met, the Carters, recognizing the Roberts boys, and perhaps the others, and knowing that they would at least be arrested, attempted to flee. James Roberts drew his revolver and fired, wounding old Mr. Carter severely in the arm, bringing him down, or at least checking his speed so that he was soon taken. Young Roberts was also soon taken, when both were conducted to the house of Esq. Stanfield near by.

Old Mr. Carter was severely wounded, and having bled considerable was becoming faint, and requested to lie down. This was refused, he and his son being told that they had to go before Gen. Wheeler at Georgetown.

After James Roberts had finished reloading his revolver, the five rebels mounting their animals, the prisoners were ordered to take the road before them, and headed in the direction of Georgetown, they were driven away. All passed the house of the next neighbor, but a short distance from Esq. Stanfield's, in the same order, traveling in the direction of Georgetown, old Mr. Carter bleeding, apparently faint, and getting forward with considerable difficulty. This was the last time that all the parties were seen together by Union persons. A half-mile, perhaps, beyond where they were last seen by this Union family, the road on which they were traveling struck into the main Georgetown road, where the five bushwhackers found that Gen. Wheeler had left Georgetown, and was then with his troops passing along this main road in the direction of Knoxville. They also ascertained that Gen. Wheeler was at that moment stopping for dinner at the house of a Union widow lady by the name of Grissom, upon this main road about a quarter of a mile to their right. Receiving this information the rebels wheeled their prisoners to the right, conducted them within about two hundred yards of Mrs. Grissom's house, where they halted them, dispatching one of their own number to Mrs. Grissom's to report to Gen. Wheeler, and receive instructions in regard to the disposition of the prisoners. This messenger found Gen. Wheeler surrounded by his staff, sitting upon the porch of Mrs. Grissom's house.

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When the Carters were captured they were carrying on their arms a quantity of Osnaburg grain sacks, which they picked up in some vacated Federal camps near the Hiwassee River. It was noticed, when the company left Esq. Stanfield's, that the rebels kept possession of these Federal sacks, taking sacks as well as prisoners along with them from Stanfield's.

The following affidavits of Mrs. Grissom and her two married daughters, will be a sufficient history of the terrible fate that immediately resulted to the two Carters:

"STATE OF TENNESSEE. }
BRADLEY COUNTY. }

"On this, the 15th day of April, 1864, personally appeared before me, John Stanfield, an acting Justice of the Peace of said county, Emily Grissom, Matilda McUen, and Mary McUen, and made oath in due form of law to the following facts:

"Mrs. Emily Grissom.—I had been personally acquainted with Levi Carter and his son Robert for several years before they were murdered.

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"Between a quarter and a half hour after they arrived, a cavalryman came dashing up from towards Georgetown, and enquired for Gen. Wheeler. The man whom they called Gen. Wheeler was then sitting on the porch of the house; being pointed out to the cavalryman, he said to Gen. Wheeler, 'We've captured two bushwhackers, and have them just above here in the road.' Gen. Wheeler asked the man where they caught them. He replied, 'Just above here, on another road.' 'Well,' said Gen. Wheeler, 'we generally hang bushwhackers.' Gen. Wheeler then looked around and up to some trees near the door, and said, 'I do not see any convenient limb here to hang them on; I think we better shoot them. Yes, I reckon we better shoot them, that is the way to do with bushwhackers.' General Wheeler then inquired if the prisoners had any arms? The cavalryman replied, 'No, only a pocket knife,' at the same time raising his hands and showing the knife to be about the length of his forefinger and hand to the thumb. Gen. Wheeler replied that, 'It does not look like they were bushwhackers if they had no arms.' The cavalryman then held up an Osnaburg grain sack to Gen. Wheeler's view, saying, 'Yes, they are bushwhackers, for they had with them over a hundred of these Yankee sacks.' This was the substance of the conversation, and the man wheeled and dashed back the way he came. Gen. Wheeler and his men then made sport of the cavalryman, laughing at his foolishness in calling these men bushwhackers when they had nothing but a jack knife, and because they had grain sacks, saying that he ought to be made Colonel for catching such bushwhackers, &c.

"In a few minutes after the man left, we heard the report of a gun in the direction he went; and apparently in the same place a loud, shrill scream, as though the person who uttered it was in great dis-

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truss. We heard no more cries of distress; but immediately the firing commenced again and continued till four or five shots had been fired. There was then a cessation in the firing of about twenty minutes, after which it commenced the third time, apparently further in the woods away from the road, and lasted till four or five shots more had been fired. About a quarter of an hour after this last firing, the same cavalryman came back and told—two others coming with him—that they had killed the two bushwhackers. Wheeler and his men were talking and laughing, and did not seem to care for what they had done. They also seemed to enjoy the firing which we heard, or at least were not at all disturbed by it. Gen. Wheeler and his men left soon after this cavalryman returned.

"About an hour after the man reported that they had killed the bushwhackers, as soon as we dare, all three of us went up the road nearly two hundred yards, and by following the tracks made by the horses of the rebels, found the dead body of old Mr. Carter about thirty yards from the main road. The body was very bloody, it having been shot through about five times. One bullet went through his suspender on the left breast.

"We found his son, Robert, perhaps two hundred yards from the body of his father, further in the woods. Before Robert was found, his own wife came, and was the first to discover his body. It was some time after his wife came before the body of Robert was found. His wife would call him in a peculiar manner, saying 'if he is not dead but hiding away, he will hear and will answer me. He has had to lay in the woods all summer, and if I call him as I have done before when hunting him, in a low tone, he will know my voice and will not be afraid to answer me.' In calling him in this manner, she at one time imagined that she heard him answer, and going in the direction she imagined his answer to be, she saw him lying upon his face, ran to him, turned him over, but found him dead. The body was pierced with five or six bullets, mostly in the region of the heart. There were no gunshot wounds in the head, but both eyes were cut out, eyelids and all, apparently with a sharp knife. The eyelids, flesh and all, to the bone, were cut away, leaving the sockets very large places or large hollows, presenting a very ghastly appearance. I, and one daughter—the other being gone for water—with the help of Robert's wife, carried his body and laid it by the body of his father, where we watched them till dark.

"When we saw that the eyes of Robert had been dug out, we looked all around upon the ground, thinking that the murderers had thrown them down near the body, but they could not be found. The hands of old Mr. Carter were tied behind him with the strands of a hempen rope.

"Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of April, 1864.

JOHN STANFIELD.

"Justice of the Peace for Bradley County, Tennessee, by Emily Grissom, Matilda McUen and Mary McUen, of Bradley County."

The murder of these innocent men, under the license and in the presence of a rebel General, by their own neighbors,—those who knew them to be guilty of nothing but loyalty to the old Government,—caused a thrill of horror throughout the country; and the Union people began to feel that none of them, however prudent or

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sagacious, had a lease of their lives for a single hour! Many who had hoped to weather the storm, and live at or near their homes till deliverance should come, now fled from the county or buried themselves in dens or artificial caves in the mountains.

Not only that night but the next morning, a diligent search was made for the eyes of young Carter, the entire ground of the bloody scene being thoroughly canvassed by Robert's own wife and others, yet they could not be found. It was currently reported and universally believed among Union people in the county, that James Roberts, the leader in this terrible work, took the eyes home in his pocket and showed them to his mother! As he entered his home, he informed his mother that he and others had killed the two Carters. She expressed her fears that they had not entirely finished them! He swore that these "Lincolmites" were both dead; and to convince her that the work was complete, at least in regard to Robert, he pulled the eyes out of his pocket, threw them into her lap, exclaiming, "Well, by G—d! there are Robert's eyes, any how!" So far from being shocked at the sight, she replied that she hoped he would bring to her the eyes of more of the "Lincolmites!"

The writer spent considerable time to reach the origin of this report. The Union parties supposed to have a knowledge of the facts were absent, and their testimony could not be gotten. Facts were elicited, however, abundantly sufficient to justify the statement that, in substance, the report was correct. There can be no question but that James Roberts took the eyes of Robert Carter home and showed them to his mother; when she approved of the whole proceedings, and encouraged him not to slack his hand in the same kind of work for the future.

Wicked men, and especially wicked cowards, love to boast of their wicked and cowardly exploits. The statements in regard to this murder, by no means all originated with Union people, nor alone in the neighborhood where it was committed. In less than three days after the deed was done, it was, by means of Wheeler's men

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and the five bushwhackers themselves, with all its attendant circumstances, known throughout the adjoining counties.

In regard to the final disposition of these eyes, it was reported that they were preserved in spirits, and kept by the rebels as a memorial of their valor and their victory.

We find an allusion to this barbarism, by Mr. G. W. Hickey, Union candidate for office in Cherokee county, North Carolina, in an address which he delivered to Union people of that county.

We extract from his address as follows :

"In East Tennessee, near Georgetown, a band of these men ran upon an old man and his son, by the name of Carter—the old man was a preacher of the Gospel—the young man had a wife and children. They shot the old man, killing him, then threw down the young man and cut out his eyes with knives, put them into their pockets, and afterwards into a bottle of brandy to preserve them. They then let him up and told him that he might go if he could make his escape. They still pursued him and overtook him, about two hundred yards from the former place and shot him down dead."

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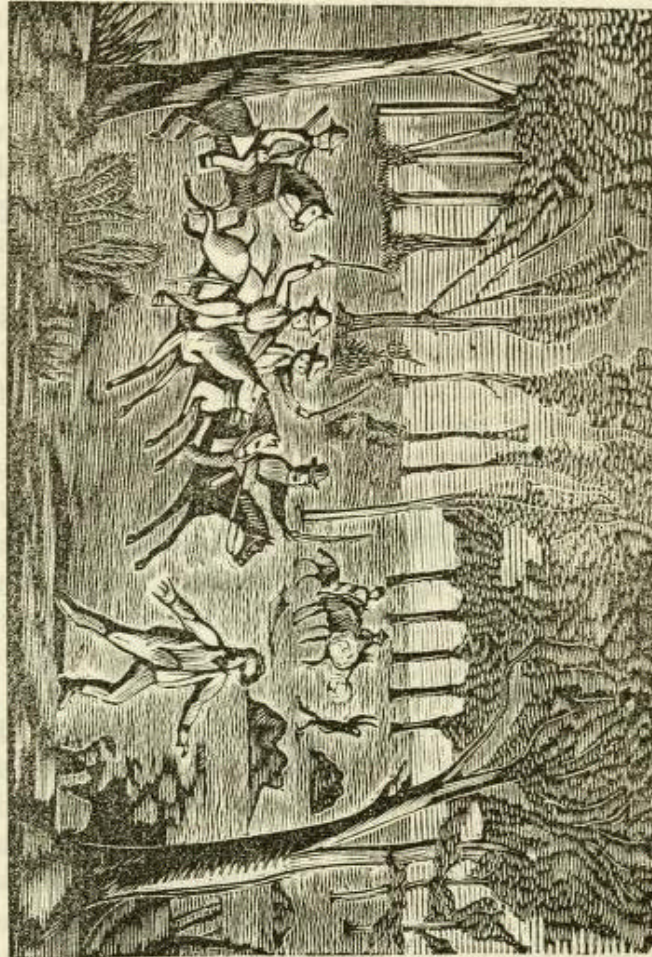
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horses, driving him against the trees, or causing him to stumble over the logs, or trampling him under their horses feet! This was enacted time after time! The ground

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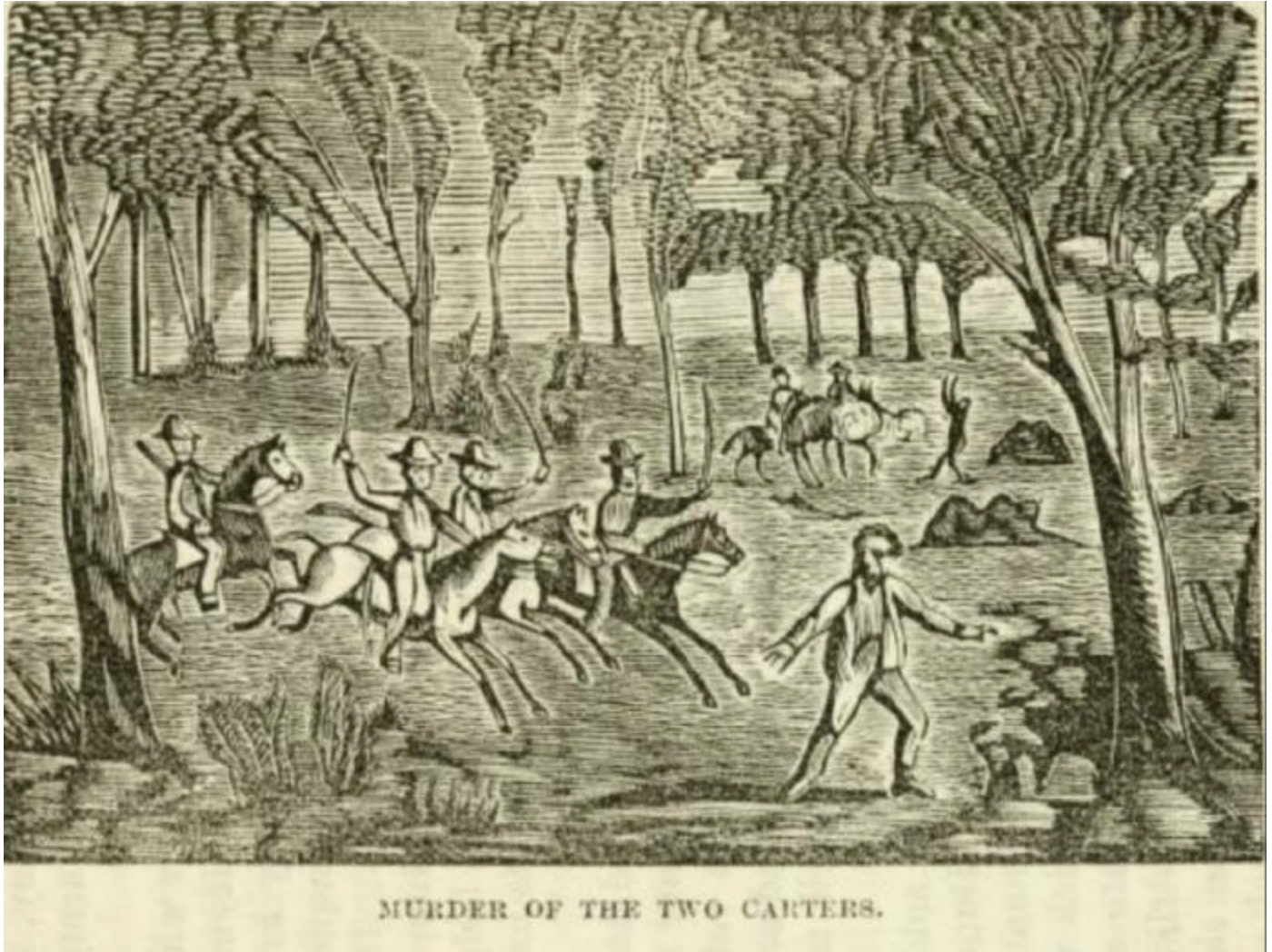
between where the bodies lay, in some places was tramped and torn, and the bushes twisted and broken from the heavy and compact dashing of their animals.

After driving him in this manner, a hundred and fifty yards or more, his eyeless and ghastly face covered with blood, and his lips pleading for mercy, and when he could rise no more, they extinguished what life remained by piercing his heart with bullets from their carbines and revolvers.

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Mrs. Grissom stated that it was evident that some of Wheeler's men joined these five bushwhackers in murdering the Carters. Gen. Wheeler was then making his way up the Tennessee to a point convenient for crossing, preparatory to his big raid down the Sequatchee valley, and through Tennessee in the rear of Gen. Rosecrans' army at Chattanooga.

In the dusk of the evening of the day, and near where the Carters were killed, a stranger, a rebel cavalryman, accosted two young ladies, and enquired if they knew Robert Carter. Being told that they did, he next enquired if they had heard from him that afternoon. They replied that they had not. "Well," said he "I suppose that I have seen Robert Carter since you have; I helped to kill him this afternoon, and there," holding up his navy, "is the revolver that performed the deed!"

James Roberts, the leading criminal in this horrid transaction, was a young man, perhaps between twenty and twenty-three. Previous to this, his career as a rebel, guerrilla, bushwhacker, murderer, thief, robber, and actor in all other kinds of villainy, had carried him well nigh through the entire catalogue of human crime.

Previous to the death of the Carters, a Union soldier named Duncan, fell into the hands of Roberts. Duncan seeing himself overpowered, in an honorable manner, threw up his left hand in token of surrender, which was no sooner seen by Roberts than he took deliberate aim at Duncan and fired! Duncan fell, the bullet striking him near the eye, but instead of penetrating the skull passed between it and the scalp, round to the back part of the head! The blood flowed freely, and to all appearance, when Roberts came to him, he was in the agonies of death. Supposing that the ball passed into his brain, and that further injury was unnecessary in order to his death, Roberts robbed him of his watch, his money, and all other valuables that he could easily find upon him, then, as a last trophy, pulled off his boots and left him.

Some hours after, it occurred to Roberts that a more thorough examination of Duncan's body might put him

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in possession of more money. He went to the spot where he fell, but to his surprise and mortification his victim was not there.

Duncan, shortly after Roberts left, came to his senses, and was not long in so far recovering, that he dragged himself away, and got out of danger. In a few days he reached the Federal lines, and finally recovered. As soon as he was fit for duty he took his place again in the ranks in defence of his country; but the poor fellow, in about a year after he was shot by Roberts—was killed in Kentucky, losing his life by the same class of abominable outlaws to which Roberts belonged, the guerrillas and bushwhackers. He was a brave Tennessean, and now sleeps among the honored dead of that State, who poured out their blood in contending against the most damnable set of tyrants that God ever suffered to oppress mankind.

After the murder of the Carters, this Roberts continued his life of crime, scouring Bradley and Hamilton counties, until within a short time of the battle of Missionary Ridge, when his fortunes changed, and his career of blood was brought to an end.

He and another rebel guerrilla named, we believe, Green, were traveling together, either in Bradley or Hamilton, when they saw a man cross the road before them and enter the house of a Union man named McNeil. Roberts knew that a son of this family was in the Federal army. Supposing the person that crossed the road to be this son, home on a visit, Roberts at once determined to kill him. The two entered McNeils house and demanded of the old gentleman his "Lincolnite" son. McNeil replied that his son was not at home. Roberts told him that he was a liar, for he had just seen him enter his house; and as he finished this remark, drew a chair to knock Mr. McNeil down. The old gentleman sprang for the door, and opened it just in time for the door to receive the blow instead of himself. Both followed, chasing Mr. McNeil around the house, Roberts calling out to his companion, "d—n him, kill him!" At this moment the man whom they saw enter the house, sprang

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with a gun from a place of concealment, took the opposite way round the house, met the parties and shot Roberts to the ground. Roberts' companion fled and escaped. The contents of the gun entered the breast of Roberts, and it was thought that he must immediately die. The man, however, commenced to reload his gun with a view then and there to complete his destruction. When the loading of the gun was completed, Roberts was still alive, and the man was preparing to send his spirit into eternity. Mrs. McNeil, not wishing to see him murdered lying helpless at her door, interfered in his behalf, arguing that as his wound was mortal, and he already beyond doing them or any one else more harm, as bad a man as he was, it was not magnanimous nor Christian to deny the poor wretch the few remaining moments that were left him. Through these entreaties the man was prevailed on not to shoot him the second time.

The mother of Roberts was sent for, who came and conveyed him to her own home. When his mother saw him apparently dying, she turned to the family in an angry and upbraiding manner, and enquired why they did not leave their house and flee when her son entered, why they remained to contend with and murder her boy?

Soon after the battle of Missionary Ridge, the country from Chattanooga to Knoxville fell into our hands, and Roberts was found by the Federal soldiers, some of them Tennesseans who were acquainted with his history, at home in the condition just described. The Tennessee soldiers visited Roberts daily, determined, if they saw the least prospect of his recovery, to take his life.

His mother, his sister, and his physician, doctor Atchley, told these soldiers that Roberts was sinking and could not possibly live but a short time. Roberts himself when these soldiers were present, would feign great exhaustion to help on the deception. Instead of sinking, however, Roberts was actually recovering, and as soon as his physician considered his strength sufficient, he was in the night, pitched into a wagon, and by his sister and this doctor, with a negro to drive the ox team, stealthily

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conveyed through our lines to Dalton, a distance of some twenty or twenty-five miles. Dalton being yet in the hands of the rebels, Roberts considered himself now safe from the vengeance of those whose friends he had murdered.

At Dalton, Roberts was cared for by his sister at the house of a rebel named Thomas Renfrow. After being here some time, Renfrow and his father fell into a quarrel in the room where Roberts lay; and struggling together over a loaded gun, to see which should have it, the gun accidentally discharged, and in such a position that the contents lodged in the bosom of Roberts, entering not more than two inches from his former wound, and causing instant death.

This account of Roberts' fate at Dalton, was given to the writer by Mr. John Gilbert, who lived in the spring of 1864, at Blue Springs, Bradley county. Mr. Gilbert was living at or near Dalton at the time this accident to Roberts was said to occur, and related the circumstance as a fact. Mr. Gilbert is a Baptist minister, and on this subject could have had no possible object in stating an untruth. Many Union people of Bradley regarded the report as a fabrication coming from Roberts' friends, and circulated in order to put an end to further efforts on the part of Union men and Federal soldiers to take Roberts' life. It is barely possible that Mr. Gilbert and others were deceived by Renfrow, and that Roberts is still alive. Roberts was taken to Dalton, perhaps, in December, 1863, and had not been heard from since by the Union people of Bradley, late in the fall of 1865, and the strong probability is, that this youthful scourge of his fellow beings, was at Georgia, removed from among men.

George Roberts, younger than James, who, as stated, was also concerned in killing the Carters, was no mean accomplice with his older brother in crime. He fled to Dixie before our army in the winter of 1863-4, and is, i justice has not overtaken him, probably, somewhere in Georgia.

The father of these boys died about five years before

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the war, and was said to be as fine a man as lived in the country. Sometime in the winter of 1864-5, Mrs. Roberts followed her husband and her deceased rebel boy to the other world.

Purvines and Runnions, two of the other accomplices in this crime, were citizens of Bradley. Purvines, in the fall of 1865, was yet at large. Runnions was arrested and incarcerated in Bradley county jail for his participation in this murder, but subsequently broke jail, and is now, so far as is known, also at large.

Mrs. Carter, made a widow and bereft of her son by this talismanic butchery, died about a year after, measurably from the grief and mental bewilderment of being the victim of such a tragedy.

Young Mrs. Carter, Roberts wife, when she discovered her husband, and turned him over, seeing that he was not only dead, but struck with the ghastliness of his mangled and bloody face, pitched over him, falling upon her own face on the ground, and wild and beside herself in a paroxysm of grief, clawed with her hands around his body, smiting her head and face against the earth, besmearing and covering herself in his blood, until restrained, and measurably brought to her senses by the efforts of Mrs. Grissom and her two daughters.

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.


Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt’s ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John’s Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750’s and arrived in Missouri shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father’s name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

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After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website www.openlibrary.org. "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 62 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

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VIEW FROM THE MAST... Over the years, Mr. Pratt has found it necessary to write articles concerning observations concerning various family history topics or what he calls personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

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Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of discovery, Mr. Pratt has sailed through the waters of family history research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details he has witnessed during his research tenure.

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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

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